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EAA CHAPTER 563

October 9th, 2014 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Chapter Secretary Donald Wolcott

Secretary Report:
Minutes from October Chapter meeting were read by Don Wolcott

Treasurers Report: None

Committee Reports:

Youth Outreach: Rob stated that the Scholarship donors and recipients recognition dinner for Lincoln Land College will be held on December the 18th at 5:00 in Springfield. The recipient for our 2014 scholarship was Naomi Long. She is working on an aviation related degree at Lincoln Land College.

Donations: Greg LePine stated that the silent auction for the framed pictures donated to the chapter will conclude at the December 6th Breakfast.

Special events: Jerry Pilon has agreed to find the place and time for the annual Chapter Christmas party.

Nominating Committee: The current slate of officers and directors for 2015 are as follows (subject to additional nominations up until the January 8th meeting):

President: Donald Wolcott
Vice President: Marty Martin
Secretary: Graham Burtoft
Treasurer: Morrie Caudil
Directors: 5 Positions to fill
Jerry Pilon
Jeff Meyer
Ron Wright
Greg LePine
Dewey Fitch
Rob Meyer

The vote will be held on the January 8th Chapter meeting by paper ballot.

After some discussion a motion was made by Mary Martin to not add in a regular meeting into the schedule for December. Seconded by Greg.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully Submitted:
Your Secretary Donald T. Wolcott

EAA Chapter 563

November 20th 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chapter Secretary Donald Wolcott

In attendance were Morrie Caudill, Jerry Pilon, Don Wolcott, Greg LePine, Rob and

Treasurers Report:
Jerry provided a report with year to date numbers. After discussion the report was approved as presented

Secretary's Report: Since there was no board meeting for October due to a lack of a quorum there were no minutes to be read.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Morrie reported we have two new members as of last week.

Program: None

Property and Safety: Greg reported that the ceiling light that was not working was repaired by maintenance workers.

Publications: None

Public Relations: No Report

Special Events: No Report

Youth Outreach: Rob stated the the Rocket Launch by the Explorers was scheduled for Saturday 22nd if the weather permits. He also stated that there is no active recruiting of new explorers to replace the older ones that will be going to college.

Donations. Greg stated that the Chapter will be accepting auction bids until the first Saturday in December (the first breakfast) for the framed aviation related artwork that was donated by an anonymous donor. The winners will be announced after breakfast.

Scholarship Committee: Steve was unable to attend but Rob wanted to know when we thought we should award the scholarship to Lincoln Land College. The college needs to know fairly soon because they will be starting to receive applications for scholarships in December. After some discussion a motion was made by Greg to do this after January 1st 2015 seconded by Jerry and approved by voice vote. It was noted that the \$1,000 Scholarship was being funded by donations specifically directed for this purpose. No operational funds will be used for this scholarship.

Old Business: None

New Business: Don stated that the board needs to form an Ad Hoc Committee to lay out a budget for 2015. The volunteers are Jerry Pilon, Morrie Caudil, Ron Wright and Rob Meyer. After the close of the books

for 2014 an Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to do the annual audit.

Rob made motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Morrie and approve by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectively Submitted; Your Secretary Donald Wolcott

The End of an Era

This edition of the Beacon will be the last one I edit. I'm retiring to another job. In January I will become the Chapter Treasurer and Jerry Pilon will be your new newsletter editor.

For the last 12 years I have written, printed, folded, stuffed, stamped, and mailed a newsletter 12 times a year. If I remember my 12 times table, that's 144 copies.

Some times it's a chore but most of the time I did enjoy creating this rag. But, time marches on and I'm getting stale. The newsletter needs a new face, new input, and some one else's opinion for a change.

I encourage you members and your officers to have more input for the editor to publish. When you fly to an interesting place, drop a note or email to the editor and share it with the rest of the Chapter. Officers should contribute something monthly besides the secretaries report. Making a report at a meeting does not reach the rest of the members unless it's detailed in the minutes.

The majority of our members do not attend the meetings and they depend on the newsletter to keep their interest in the Chapter. And, the Chapter depends on the support of it's paying members. It's a two way street that has to be maintained.

Anyway, I'm not going far, you are not rid of me yet. I will still be hounding you to pay your dues, keep you email address up to date, and support your Chapter.

Respectfully yours,

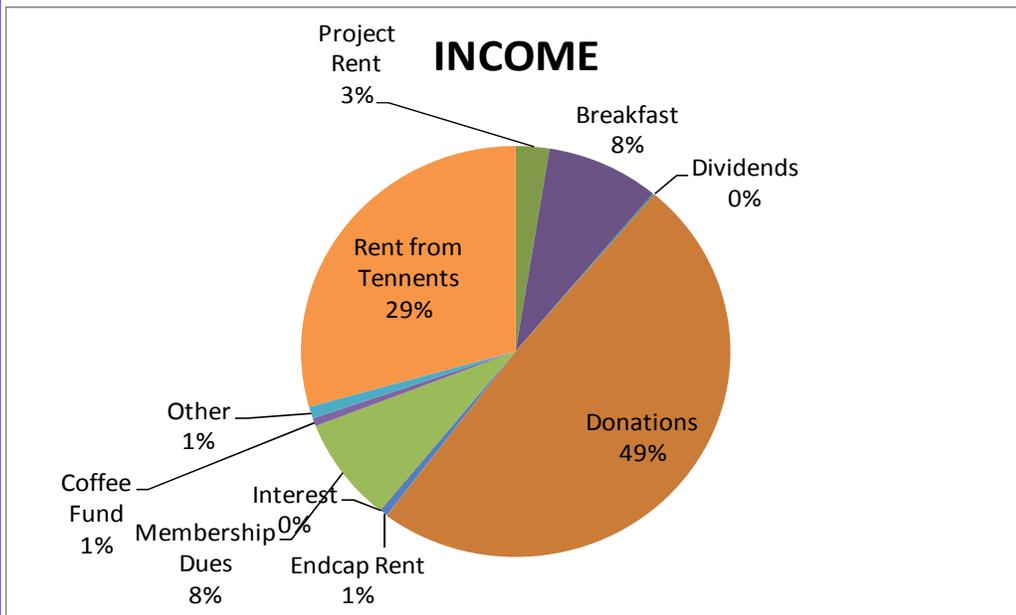
Morrie Caudill

CHAPTER 563 FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2013

The majority of the Chapter members do not attend monthly meetings. In 2013 we had approximately sixty members and, on the average, twenty or twenty five attend meetings regularly. A treasurer's report is given at every membership meeting, complete with the numbers. I won't use dollar amounts here because this is a public newsletter.

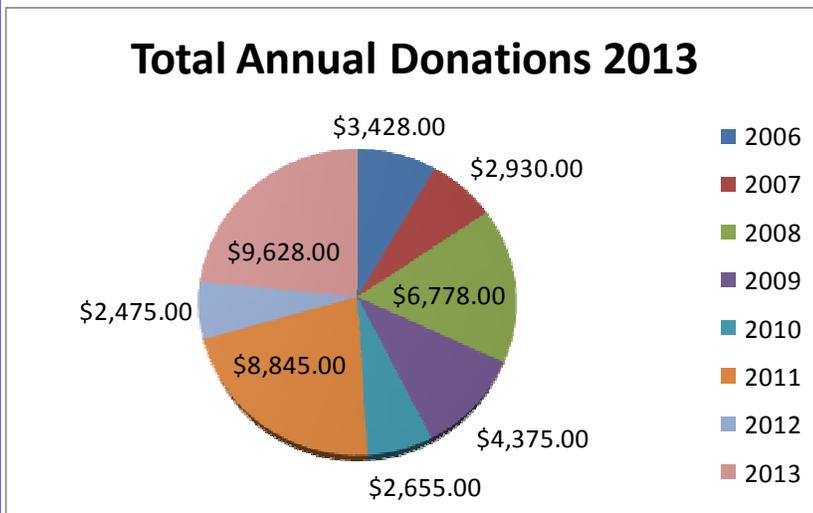
Financially the Chapter is in good shape and well managed. As you read in the last newsletter we just recently invested \$6000 in a mutual fund to increase its earning over a savings account or money market account at a local savings and loan. The fund is liquid and reasonably low risk. The results of 2014 are significantly different and will be reported at year end.



The chart to the left lists the sources of the Chapter Income. Rent from the tenants and Donations were the biggest in 2013. Rent goes totally to pay the hangar rent so that leaves Dues, Breakfast, and Donations the prime source of income.

Donations in 2013 were extraordinarily large and cannot be depended on to remain. An increase in membership and other sources of income must be considered if we are to continue to grow.

Donations: As you can see in the chart above, donations were half of the Chapter income in 2013. In the years 2006-2011 we were mowing at the airport and the donation for that kept us in the black. For the last three years we haven't had that option. In 2012 most of the donations came from members. In 2013 several aircraft projects were donated, which were sold, and they made up the majority of the donations last year.



This year is not complete as I write this and there is time for you to consider a donation to the Chapter. We are a 501c3 organization and you will receive a receipt for you tax deduction.

If you have an unfinished project, airplane parts that are saleable, or anything else that can be turned into cash, the Chapter can benefit from it and you can deduct the value received.

Without the donations we will be forced to spend our reserves to stay even.



DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>First Breakfast</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7th Grade Exchange Day</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Membership Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Directors Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Second Breakfast</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p>	<p>JANUARY 2015</p>

The Regular Chapter 563 meetings are held at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month.

All Chapter 563 breakfasts will be held at the Chapter Hangar from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on the first and third Saturday mornings.

The Chapter 563 Directors meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.